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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line page 10, line ²³~~27~~ and bridging to page 11, with the amended paragraph as follows:

A gasket 20 made of, for example, elastomer is arranged around the MEA 4 in the recess 14 to prevent the fuel from leaking from the recess 14, and a rigidity of the gasket 20 in a pressing direction as shown by an arrow 9 in FIG. 3 against the compression is significantly smaller than a rigidity of the MEA 4 in the pressing direction against the compression so that a considerable part of the pressing force 12 is prevented from passing the gasket 20 to bypass the MEA 4. Arrows 13 represent the reaction force from the support portions 7.